

Claims:

1. Ash collector for smokers, **characterized** by a bar-shaped container with an opening on one end that is closed by a removable closure body which consists, in full or predominantly, of a material resistant to the glowing ash of cigarettes or cigars.
2. The ash collector as defined in Claim 1, **characterized in that** the closure body is made from metal.
3. The ash collector as defined in Claim 2, **characterized in that** the closure body is made from a metal with high thermal conductivity, such as aluminum, copper or brass.
4. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the closure body has a recess on its end facing the interior of the container.
5. The ash collector as defined in Claim 4, **characterized in that** the recess of the closure body tapers from its end toward the interior of the closure body.
6. The ash collector as defined in Claim 5, **characterized in that** the recess in the closure body has a concave shape.
7. The ash collector as defined in Claim 5, **characterized in that** the recess in the closure body has a conical shape.
8. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the closure body is a plug.

9. The ash collector as defined in Claim 8, **characterized in that** the outer surface of the closure body is provided with a groove which is intended to receive a sealing ring.
10. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the thermal capacity of the closure body is selected to ensure that the embers of a cigarette or a cigar, which is pressed against the closure body, and especially into its recess according to claim 4, will be extinguished within a few seconds.
11. The ash collector as defined in Claim 10, **characterized in that** the thermal capacity of the closure body is selected to ensure that when a cigar or a cigarette is stubbed out in the recess of the closure body, the temperature of its outer surface will not rise above 50° Celsius.
12. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** a clip is attached to the closure body.
13. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the container is made from metal.
14. The ash collector as defined in Claim 13, **characterized in that** the container consists of a metal suited for deep-drawing.
15. The ash collector as defined in Claim 13 or Claim 14, **characterized in that** the container is made from aluminum or an aluminum alloy.
16. The ash collector as defined in any of claims 1 to 12, **characterized in that** the container is a molded plastic part.

17. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the container has an outer diameter of 10 mm to 15 mm, especially 12 mm.
18. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** it has a length of 10 cm to 15 cm.
19. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** in addition to a chamber intended to collect ashes it further comprises a second chamber that is accessible from the end of the container opposite the closure body.
20. The ash collector as defined in any of the preceding claims, comprising an integrated flashlight.
21. The ash collector as defined in Claims 19 and 20, **characterized in that** the second chamber accommodates a flashlight or parts thereof.
22. The ash collector as defined in Claim 20 or Claim 21, **characterized in that** the end of the container opposite the closure body is provided with a sleeve which is detachably connected with the container and which accommodates a bulb.
23. The ash collector as defined in Claim 22, **characterized in that** the sleeve further accommodates a reflector and a glass pane closing off the sleeve.
24. The ash collector as defined in any of Claims 1 to 19, comprising an integrated cigarette lighter.

25. The ash collector as defined in Claims 19 and 24, **characterized in that** the cigarette lighter is provided in the second chamber.
26. The ash collector as defined in Claim 23, **characterized in that** the cigarette lighter is protected by a removable cap.
27. The ash collector as defined in Claim 26, **characterized in that** the cap is pivotably mounted on the container.